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**For: Variable-Valve-Actuation Apparatus
For an Internal Combustion Engine**

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 23, 2004, Applicants hereby elect the **species of Figures 1-8**, for prosecution in the subject application. **Claims 1-10, 12 and 14** are readable on the elected species. While the Examiner has not identified a generic claim, Applicants believe that Claims 1, 3 and 14 are generic.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter and/or to receive consideration of claims to additional species as provided by 37 CFR 1.141, upon allowance of any claim that is generic.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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